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POSSESSOR OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY SENTENCED

Defendant Who Possessed Dozens of Child Pornography Images Sentenced to 60 Months of Imprisonment

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Joseph D'Amico, Superintendent of New York State Police, announced that JOSEPH MAIELLO, age 22, of Colonie, New York, was sentenced on January 11, 2012, by the Honorable Thomas J. McAvoy in Federal District Court in Albany on his guilty plea to one count of possessing child pornography. MAIELLO was sentenced to 60 months of imprisonment. Following his term of imprisonment, MAIELLO will be placed on supervised release for fifteen years. MAIELLO was also ordered to: (1) have no unsupervised contact with minors; and (2) register with the New York State Sex Offender Registry Program.

In October 2009, investigators received information that MAIELLO was using a peer-to-peer computer file sharing program to obtain child pornography. On January 21, 2010, investigators executed a search warrant at MAIELLO's residence in Colonie, New York and seized a computer and external hard drive that were used by MAIELLO to obtain, download and possess the child pornography. MAIELLO pled guilty on September 13, 2011 to possessing child pornography.

This case was investigated by the New York State Police.

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